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Construction of New Quarters of the Supreme Military School for Political Officers

- 1. The construction work on the new quarters of the Supreme Military School for Political Officers (Vurkhovna Voyna Shkola za Politicheski Ofitseri) of the Bulgarian Army, Navy and Frontier Troops began in Sofia during 1956. The new quarters are located across the street from Seminariata (the former theological school and presently the Communist Youth Palace) and east of it.
- 2. The new quarters consist of two large five-story buildings each about 50 meters long and 15 meters wide. In the summer of 1957 the construction work was still in progress, but the new quarters are allegedly to be completed before the summer of 1958.
- 3. Up to 19 October 1957 the Supreme Military School for Political Officers was still located in the Lozenets Kvartal (ward) of Sofia near the terminal of the No. 6 street car line.

Infantry Training School for Non-Commissioned Officers

- 4. In January 1958 a school for infantry non-commissioned (sergeants and junior sergeants) officers was seen in the southern outskirts of Levka, Svilengrad Okoliya, in a military barracks on the western side of the highway running from Levka to Svilengrad. This school was allegedly operating in 1957. The area

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of the barracks, which is about 100 meters long and 30 meters wide at the south side and about 70 meters wide at the north side, is surrounded by a barbed wire fence. The barracks area has four buildings. One of them is the quarters for soldiers; it is a large one story cube-shaped building.

5. The training period at the school lasts nine months. The number of trainees at the school is estimated to be about 150. About 12 officers were seen in the barracks and it is possible that there were many more.
6. Across the highway from the school buildings there is a smaller area surrounded by a barbed wire fence containing the heavy armament of the school. The following equipment was seen there in January 1958: eight medium size 50X1-HUM Soviet-made tanks, four 82 mm. artillery guns, and one portable recoilless artillery gun [] which was recently introduced in Bulgaria. There were supposedly more of this type of gun in the barracks. There were no shelters for the weapons, and the tanks and artillery guns were covered only with huge canvasses.

Military Drills North of Voden, Elkhovo Okoliya

7. From 8 to 20 March 1958 some military drills took place in the area north of Voden and Malko Sharkovo, Elkhovo Okoliya. Artillery fire could be heard quite clearly by the Frontier Troops of the 3 Zastava located south of Voden and subordinate to the 6 Frontier Troop Otryad. Rifle units in Voden and Malko Sharkovo allegedly participated in the drills.

Radar Station

8. A radar station is located on Vitosha Mountain, somewhere in the vicinity of the Momina Sakala mountain shelter. The Momina Sakala shelter is located about five kilometers south of the Knyazhevo Kvartal of Sofia.